McDermott Scholars Program Staff

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Since 2007, Molly has served as Director of the Eugene McDermott Scholars Program, recruiting outstanding young people to The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) and supporting them in their development as scholars, leaders, and servants.

Prior to joining UT Dallas, Molly was head of The Fulton School in Heath, Texas, and of The Clear Spring School in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, both accredited independent schools which she helped to establish. She is a lifetime trustee of three independent schools. An avid gardener, Molly is a member of the Founders Garden Club and the Belsterling Foundation of the Dallas Garden Club. A certified coach, Molly has extensive experience in personal, professional, and corporate coaching.

A Dallas native, Molly splits her time between Dallas, Eureka Springs in Arkansas and Kerala in India. Molly attended Dallas' Greenhill School, which was founded by her parents, Helen and Bernard Fulton, and graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.S. in mathematics and certified to teach five high school subjects. Molly was recently recognized by Greenhill School as the 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for her lifelong commitment to Greenhill School and her dedication to improving the lives of others through education.

Under her guidance and leadership, the McDermott Program has grown in size, scope, quality, and recognition.

Point of contact for: giving, university and public relations, program questions, recommendation letters

Sherry Marek
Assistant Director
Sherry has played a continuously central role in the program and has been its assistant director since 2008. As an undergraduate she was named a McDermott Foundation Scholar at UT Dallas, earning a B.A. in Economics and an M.B.A. She co-founded the national Undergraduate Scholars Program Administrators Association and served on its board for six years.

Point of contact for: alumni, end of semester reports, Scholars accomplishments

Kim joined the UT Dallas family in 2007 when she moved to Texas from Illinois. Prior to joining the program in 2009, she was the laboratory and research manager of the Productive Aging Lab at UT Dallas’ Center for Brain Health. Kim graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. in integrative biology and earned both an M.B.A. and M.S. in healthcare management from UT Dallas.

Point of contact for: study abroad, research and internships, professional development funding, housing

Eric worked in telecommunications before entering academica in 2007. He joined the Program in 2011 after moving with his family from New York City and has nearly nine years of higher education experience. Eric graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York with a B.A. in history and he is currently pursuing an M.A. in the same field at UT Dallas.
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Nicole joined the McDermott Program when she moved to Dallas in 2013. She graduated from the University of Missouri-St Louis with a B.S. in education. Prior to joining the program, Nicole worked for the University of Missouri-Columbia as a director of a before and after school enrichment program, serving over 70 children and training budding educators. With over nine years of higher education experience, Nicole is now an active part of the McDermott Scholars Program. Nicole is currently pursuing an M.P.A. at UT Dallas.

Point of contact for: first year McDermott Scholars, cohort trips, Leadership Dallas, stipend-related questions

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Dominic began his time with the program in 2015, ten years after he first visited and fell in love with the McDermott Program as a high school counselor. Dominic moved to Texas from New Mexico the same year he started with the program, bringing 14 years of counseling experience, seven of which were as the Counseling Department Chair at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dominic earned a B.Mus. from Oklahoma City University and a M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, California.

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Mashal started working with the McDermott Program as the Social Media Specialist in 2016. However, Mashal’s journey with the McDermott Program began when she was selected as a member of the 2012 class of McDermott Scholars. Mashal graduated in May 2016 with a BA in Emerging Media and Communication and a minor in Political Science. While completing her bachelor’s degree, Mashal was awarded the Archer Fellowship and spent a semester in Washington D.C. working at the White House in the Office of Digital Strategy.

Point of contact for: social media accounts, website information, application questions, general information, setting up campus visits, arts and culture, and Scholar’s birthdays